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HOPE VI Community Meeting #1

The Martin Luther King Revitalization Plan
Tuesday, November 30, 2004
320 N. Commerce Park Loop
Sentinel Building

Focus on HOPE VI Overview, the physical plans Downtown and at Silverbell

Jack Siry, Community Services Deputy Director introduced staff and the projects' Depot Plaza partner, Tom Warne representing Congress Street Redevelopment (CSR). The meeting agenda would be a Power Point presentation updating the Plan process then there would be a time for questions/comments. Jane Bell informed everyone also that there were snacks and drinks available and to please sign in. A comment sheet was also handed out.

Jack Siry presented the Power Point "HOPE VI Depot Plaza/Martin Luther King Revitalization Plan."

Question and Answer

- Q) What MLK building and service changes are being considered compared to last year's HOPE VI application?

Answer:

The service priorities established by the MLK residents, such as better security, health counseling, mobility assistance and a resident store remain. No changes in room sizes or the building amenities program (clinic space room, expand meeting room) are contemplated. Some changes to how the amenities are laid out are being considered.

- Q) How many floors are being proposed for the new MLK building?

Answer:

Same as the previous plan (6 floors). A reconfigured garage may affect the overall height of the building, however.

- Q) What are the moving arrangements, relocation and choices?

Answer:

Jane Bell speaking to the MLK tenants in attendance that this information would be covered in detail at the training meeting to be held at Martin Luther King Apartments on Thursday December 2, 2004. Jane informed them that it was very important that we get 100% attendance. This meeting will cover the relocation, moving arrangements, Section 8 Voucher Program, surveys and various other HUD forms. It will also include fun, food and a raffle.

- Q) Are we going to have to cut down on what we asked for the last time to meet the HOPE VI grant standards?

Answer:

This new application does have different considerations and there will have to be cuts but there is enough help out there that even though it will not be available through the new HOPE VI Grant application staff expects to have a strong supportive services plan.

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Olga Osterhage informed attendees that she is trying to arrange for the University of Arizona Mobile Health Program to come by twice a month.

Staff will also be talking to other agencies to try and arrange employment, health, and transportation and counseling assistance.

- Q) How many additional affordable housing units are contemplated beyond the 96 public housing replacement units and at what sites:

Answer:

24 units are being considered in total at the downtown and Silverbell sites. These are expected to be HOME rentals. There will be 11 rehab units in the Rialto building and another 11 incorporated into the new market-rate units at Depot Plaza, and 2 at Silverbell.

Written comments received:

A pull cord type of alarm like we have in bathroom should be in bedrooms too. Prefer not a pull cord since it gets tangled.

Overheard exhaust fan should be in one-bedroom units, not just studios.

I am in agreement but am nervous to say.